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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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FROM: Lewis County Auditor, Elections Dept.

RE: United States Post Office Box Drop

The Auditor's Office has been in contact with the Centralia Post Office concerning the blue mail drop boxes that have been broken into outside three local Post Offices. They include Centralia, Rochester and Galvin. As close as authorities can determine, the boxes were breached sometime between close of business on Saturday and Sunday morning. Centralia Police located some stolen mail and returned it to the Post Office. Postal officials said the mail will be returned to the various senders today for them to determine if anything is missing.

If a voter placed a voted ballot in any of these boxes around the time of the breach, the ballot may not have reached this office.

The voter should confirm their ballot was returned to this office by going online to: <a href="https://www.myvote.wa.gov">www.myvote.wa.gov</a>, sign in and click on "My Ballot Status." This will state if your ballot has been returned or not.

If you do not have Internet access, please contact this office at either 360-740-1278 or 360-740-1164. Or come into the Auditor's Office at the Old Historic Courthouse, 351 NW North Street, Chehalis, during normal business hours from 8 to 4:30 pm and from 7 am to 8 pm on Election Day.